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SUBJECT: GOB REQUEST FOR MAPPING ASSISTANCE AND EMBASSY-
RECOMMENDED RESPONSE REGARDING IAGS.

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PANAMA FOR IAGS

1. DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY (DMA) IS CURRENTLY SATISFIED WITH THE OPERATION OF THE COLLABORATIVE MAPPING PROGRAM WITH GOB UNDER THE 1946 BILATERAL MAPPING AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, IF GOB DESIRES TO PROPOSE A NEW AGREEMENT, DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONCUR IN DECISION TO TAKE ANY SUGGESTED DRAFT AGREEMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION. WHILE WE SYMPATHIZE WITH GOB CONCERN REGARDING ASSURANCES OF CONTINUED USG FUNDING FOR IAGS PROGRAM, USG APPROPRIATION MECHANISM PERMITS LITTLE FLEXI-
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BILITY IN THIS AREA AND WE CONCUR WITH TENOR AND SUBSTANCE OF AMBASSADOR'S RESPONSE ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. THE AERIAL PHOTO WORKING ARRANGEMENT, MENTIONED IN

PARA 5(A) OF REFTTEL, IS CURRENTLY IN DRAFT STAGE AND BEING STAFFED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD. WE ANTICIPATE FINAL PROPOSAL WILL BE PREPARED WITHIN NEXT 30 DAYS AND WILL THEN BE FORWARDED TO IAGS/BOLIVIA FOR NEGOTIATION WITH GOB. ARRANGEMENTS SIMILAR TO THAT PROPOSED FOR BOLIVIA HAVE RECENTLY BEEN APPROVED FOR PERU, PANAMA AND ECUADOR, ENABLING DMA TO ENTER INTO DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MAPPING AGENCIES OF THOSE COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH WE SEE NO DIFFICULTIES IN APPROVING THE BOLIVIAN ARRANGEMENT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO STRESS THAT THE ARRANGEMENT IS NECESSARILY SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

3. BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS AND WORLDWIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF CARTOGRAPHIC AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR DMA TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO EMBASSY SUGGESTION THAT MAXIMUM PAYMENT UNDER WORKING ARRANGEMENT BE INCREASED ABOVE THE \$140,000 PROVIDED FOR IN THE DRAFT, AT LEAST DURING THE CURRENT TIME FRAME. WE NOTE ALSO THAT THE PAYMENT IS KEYED TO THE GOB'S MAXIMUM ANNUAL CARTOGRAPHIC PRODUCTION RATE, BASED ON A COMPREHENSIVE DMA STUDY PREPARED USING INPUT PROVIDED BY IAGS, AND NOT ON ITS PHOTOGRAPHIC ACQUISITION CAPACITY. IN THE EVENT THE GOB'S ANNUAL PRODUCTION RATE INCREASES, DMA WOULD CONSIDER INCREASING THE \$140,000. IN THE EVENT THE ACQUISITION OF ACCEPTABLE PHOTOGRAPHY FOR ANY YEAR IS LESS THAN THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM ANNUAL CARTOGRAPHIC PRODUCTION RATE OF 36,000 KILOMETERS, DMA UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ARRANGEMENT HAS THE OPTION TO NEGOTIATE FOR ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY WITH OTHER AGENCIES OR COMPANIES AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO THE MAPPING REQUIREMENTS. DMA BELIEVES THE DRAFT ARRANGEMENT PROVIDES THE USG WITH THE MOST ECONOMICAL APPROACH TO OBTAIN ONCE-OVER PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF BOLIVIA TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING PROGRAM WHILE CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS BOLIVIA'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

4. EMBASSY PROPOSALS WITH REGARD TO IAGS/BOLIVIA MANNING LEVELS RAISED ISSUES WHICH ARE PRESENTLY BEING STUDIED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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WASHINGTON AGENCIES. RESPONSE TO THOSE PROPOSALS WILL BE FORTHCOMING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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